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Rome engineer receives patent payment

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ROME, N.Y. — Richard J. Simard, an engineer at the Air Force Research Laboratory's Information Directorate, has received an initial payment on a patent awarded in July 2000 for steganography technology.

The payment of \$560 was made under a patent titled "Secure Encryption and Hiding of Data and Messages in Images," and was paid by The Research Foundation of the State University of New York (SUNY).

"SUNY helped me implement my ideas," said Simard, who is assigned to the directorate's Information and Intelligence Exploitation Division. "We improved upon the research with them and then applied for the patent."

The payment resulted from a license to MTL Inc. of the Dayton, Ohio, area, which is using the technology on one of their product development contracts. Future payments could increase, as other companies take advantage of the patented technology. @